

### Our Philadelphia Correspondence.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4, 1851.

*Desperate Conflict with an Insane Man.*

A conflict of a desperate character occurred about one o'clock this morning between Lyman Williams, from Waterford, Conn., an insane man, and John Fagan. Williams had two loaded revolvers, and threatening to shoot whoever should approach him, Fagan took a revolver, and thought to deter the maniac by firing a load at him. The fire was returned, and followed up until Fagan had fired five shots at Williams' head. Capt. Weaver had fired five shots at Williams' head, and had him conveyed to the hospital. No one was hurt during the conflict, though the balls passed through the clothes of two of the watchmen.

The steamboat Cambridge has come round from Baltimore, to run on the western side of the Ohio, and completed the city and the rapids. The Ohio is completed.

The Ohio is partially raised by means of a bulk-head built in her bow, to stop the influx of the water. Three powerful pumps, borrowed from the navy yard, have been set to work this afternoon, and by tomorrow will be in full operation.

Several fires occurred last night in the southwestern section of the country, all of which were cases of incendiarism.

George Thompson, the abolition orator from England, to lecture this evening at West Chester, and there are serious anticipations of a row there, the townsmen being decidedly hostile to his fanatic principles.

### Theatrical and Musical.

**THE GOUSEHORN BENEFIT.**—We have received the annexed letter from the father of the Misses Gouzehorn, of the Broadway Theatre, and give it an insertion in our columns, to show how deeply Mr. Gouzehorn has appreciated the benefit recently in contemplation in behalf of his daughters. Mr. G. we believe, is a respectable solicitor in London, in moderate circumstances, and has a large family. His daughters are in a strange land, struggling to advance in their profession, and only lacking in earnestness of purpose to eventually become distinguished for their historic talent. We regret that the benefit has not yet taken place. Obstacles in the shape of caustic and unyielding professional persons, who may yet seek the aid of the public, have prevented the benefit; but the will is ready on the part of one in the end, and we have no doubt that, at proper time, all the assistance the two young ladies can expect or desire, will be placed at their disposal.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.

14 Wall Street, Satur'day, June 3, 1851.

Sir,—Allow me briefly, but most feelingly, to assure you in this paper, that I am a son of the great general, through your kind medium, my most heartfelt thanks for the many very kind articles I have lately noticed concerning my son, Mr. W. H. Alden, in the "Theatre," on the sad occasion of the fire which took place at their residence, in Lipedson street, when they lost their greatest and most valuable possession, a valuable portrait, very dear to us, and which, I hope, will be speedily replaced by a favorite, kindly offered by the friends of the "Theatre." I have no doubt that it is due to the praiseworthy sympathy shown, unhesitatingly, by Mr. Newell, and others, that the stranger in your country, have met with such kind support.

My anxiety for having delayed so long the pleasure of sending a few words to you, will be easily explained by the fact, that I have been engaged, ever since my arrival in this country, in the business of a lawyer, at the Broadway Theatre, which, I trust, will be of service to you. I have, however, been compelled to leave the theatre, and now, I am again in the law office of Mr. Alden, and have been offered a position in his office, which I accept with pleasure.

I have the honor to subscribe myself, with deep feelings of gratitude,

A. M. GOUGEHORN.

BOWERY THEATRE.—The attractions announced for the opening of the new season, on the 1st of July, are calculated to draw the house of "Comedy," which is reported throughout with the most thrilling incidents, and has always been received by crowded audiences with the warmest tokens of applause. The cast embraces a host of talents rarely combined in one company, namely A. M. Gouzehorn, Mrs. G. C. Moore, &c. This piece will be followed by a favorite ballad by Miss Lester; and the concluding feature will be the brilliant, successfully produced "Kara." Mr. Stevens, the excellent stage manager and tragedian, will open the celebrated "Kara" and "Kathleen" in his own right, and Miss A. D. Wright, who has become an immense favorite, in the beautiful part of Kara, Mr. Hamlin must feel proud to find that his untiring exertions are crowned with such unlimited patronage.

—The market has not opened on the steamer's news as yet, as holders appear unwilling to submit to further concessions, from the fact that it is apparent the Liverpool market must advance when the weak holders are released.

—The activity of the spring season has with P.M. passed away, but enough demand remains to keep the market from listlessness. Some few goods are shipping, and the clothiers are buying to a moderate extent. Brown sheetings and calicoes are in request, with a few heavy stock pieces, prices of \$1.25 per lb.; and extra calico, at \$4.25 a lb.

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